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MINUTES OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR (SUPPORT)

STAFF MEETING

27 February 1957

1. Colonel White called attention to a memorandum he recently forwarded to all Office and Staff Chiefs relative to the debriefing of Support personnel returning from overseas. Each Office is urged to set up a system to insure that support returnees are debriefed, the degree and extent to be determined by who the returnees are and what field position they held. Senior Administrative Careerists will get a more across-the-board debriefing. SSA and SPA will look out for such returnees.
2. TDY trips to the field for personnel of the components of DD/S should be kept to the minimum so as to not impose an unnecessary burden on the field. Colonel White requests that he be advised in advance of any contemplated field trip of senior or key Headquarters Support personnel.
3. Colonel White noted that the Support components' comments on the DD/P Character and Level paper were directed solely to their capabilities to render the necessary support. We have a further obligation to point out any inconsistencies with stated policies and limitations, without taking issue with substantive operational plans. Reference was made to the 1959 Character and Level paper which planned expenditures in excess of requested appropriations and personnel strength in excess of established ceilings.
4. Colonel White read a memorandum from [redacted] which expressed his appreciation of the contribution by the Deputy Director (Support) and his Support components to the recent War Planners' Conference. 25X1A
5. A memorandum received from General Cabell advises that a [redacted] Intelligence Liaison representative will be in Washington, and that the Deputy Director (Plans) is the central point to clear any contact which may be required by the Support components. 5X1X7
6. Colonel White noted that the Director has continued to evidence an extreme interest in the Agency personnel strength. We must accept, therefore, that we may have to get along with fewer personnel next year, and Office Chiefs should give serious consideration to what positions they can eliminate and should plan to operate with fewer personnel.
7. Mr. Baird called attention to the Intelligence Product Exhibit on display in the R and S Building and suggests that the Support Offices consider supplementing this with Intelligence Support Exhibits. Offices

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8. Mr. [REDACTED] announced that the Office of Defense Mobilization has published preliminary guidance for Operation Alert 1957. This operation will be in three phases during the period 1 June 1957 to 19 July 1957. CIA will formally participate only in the last phase during the period 15 - 19 July 1957. More realistic international assumptions are being developed, but we probably will not be required to participate in those assumptions, and can develop our own if we so desire.

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10. Dr. [REDACTED] advised that the Area Divisions are reviewing all project administrative plans with a view to determining their continued necessity and to see that they are current in the light of project requirements.

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11. Mr. Gordon Stewart, assisted by Mr. [REDACTED] gave a dry-run presentation on the history and evolution of recruitment policies and practices in the Agency with statistics revealing the problems in the current sources of recruitment.

12. Dr. Tietjen's briefing on Medical Support for Agency Dependents is postponed until 13 March 1957, and Mr. [REDACTED] will give a briefing at the Staff Meeting on 6 March 1957.

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13. The meeting adjourned at 1210 hours.

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